

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know from the hon'ble member what is the amount that has been estimated?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The estimate is still under preparation.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The Irrigation Department is preparing the estimate.

Chentamil Patasala at Chalai.

54. * Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) why the Chentamil Patasala at Chalai has been removed from its old site ;

(b) where it is located at present ;

(c) whether Government considered the legitimate claims of all the teachers with Tamil qualifications employed there while they appointed the staff for the new school and how many of them were entertained in the new school ; and

(d) the qualifications of those entertained in the new school?

Mr. R. M. Statham (Director of Public Instruction):

(a) Because the manager had closed the school.

(b) The new departmental Tamil school which has taken the place of the Chentamil Patasala is located at the west end of Valia Chalai.

(c) Yes ; 10.

(d) V. H. Tamil ; H. G. T. C. ... 3

V. S. L. C. & T. T.; L. G. T. C. ... 3

V. H. Tamil ... 1

S. S. L. C. ... 1

Needlework Examination ... 1

Music Test Lower ... 1

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: With reference to the answer to part (b), may I know whether the school is located in a Government building or in a rented building.

Mr. R. M. Statham: It is located in a rented building?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know from the member the rent that is being paid?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Rs. 65.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know from the member whether the manager of the Chentamil Patasala offered the same building for rent?

Mr. R. M. Statham: He was asked to rent the building, but he asked for a higher rent and also he would not agree to certain other terms which Government wanted to impose.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know what rent he wanted?

Mr. R. M. Statham: First he asked for Rs. 75 and then he demanded a higher rent than that.

Bifurcation in the Observatory Department.

55. * Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the bifurcation of the Observatory Department into Meteorological and Astronomical Sections was effected;

(b) whether there is a separate Government Astronomer attached to the Government of India Observatory at Poona;

(c) whether the Retrenchment Committee proposed the abolition of the place of the Government Astronomer in the Observatory; and

(d) what is the additional expenditure consequent upon the bifurcation?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai (Chief Secretary to Government): (a) 1st Kannj 1103.

(b) Government have no information.

(c) No, but they recommended that the two branches may be put under the charge of a single officer.

(d) Rs. 500 a year.

Price of the clock kept in the Observatory.

56. * Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state what is the price of the clock kept in the Observatory?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The Government Astronomer reports there are three clocks in the Observatory. It is not clear to which clock the member refers.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: When were these clocks purchased?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: They were purchased years ago. I cannot give the exact year.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: How is the correct time now adjusted in the Observatory? Is it by star observation or by any other means?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I have no information.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: The clocks in the Huzur Office and other places are adjusted with reference to clocks kept in the Observatory. The noon gun, the morning gun and the night gun also depend on the clock in the Observatory. I wanted to know how that time in the Observatory is adjusted. The